

Work concepts questioned

By BOB JOHNSON

"We must take a whole new look at the work ethic," said federal Transport Minister Don Jamieson at a meeting here last Friday with UNB residence students in McConnell Hall.

In a 15 minute address, the federal minister questioned the role of post secondary education in Canada.

Jamieson recognized the value of education for education's sake but commented on what he termed the "conventional role" of universities in training individuals for specific work.

He cited the case of 250 astrology students achieving the necessary training to fill only five or six positions in all of Canada.

In this regard, the minister asked if it was necessary for every individual to have a post secondary education and should restrictions be placed on the kind of course the student may pursue.

Jamieson felt that it may be necessary for universities to direct the student's interests to other areas.

He said the work week in Canada is shrinking all the time. "Twenty-five percent of all the people in Canada now could produce all of the goods

and all of the services that we all need," the minister added.

The 24 hour work week is not that far away, he said. Jamieson noted that many of the larger companies are now paying some individuals to take two or three years off just to think.

The federal cabinet minister felt the Local Initiatives Program and Opportunities for Youth, both sponsored by the federal government, could be part of the answer in re-evaluating the work ethic.

Questions from the audience ranged from the government's position in the establishment of a permanent Canadian Merchant Marine, oil pollution, nationalizing the two Canadian railways and the legalization of marijuana.

On the latter question, Jamieson said legalization of marijuana would come when there exists in Canada a general consensus by Canadians prepared to accept it.

At this stage, said the minister, any party which would place the legalization of marijuana in its election platform would meet defeat at the polls on election day.

The Transport Minister was the first in a series of speakers to be invited by the UNB residence program to discuss the coming election. Speakers representing the other major political parties in Canada have been invited to speak at later dates.



Federal Transport Minister Don Jamieson sampled some of Saga Food's delicacies in McConnell Hall last Friday. Following supper, he spoke to residents on the re-evaluation of the work ethic.

Alumni begins fund raising campaign

The Alumni Association at the University of New Brunswick begins its annual fund raising campaign this week with the first of four mailings directed to 11,000 alumni.

Last year's campaign set a record for the greatest amount donated in the association's 100 year history. Alumni President G.R.W. Bliss is confident

that an even greater amount of financial assistance can be given this year.

Directing the campaign is a Fredericton real estate developer, Al Rioux. Besides the mailings, Mr. Rioux has planned phonothons and is introducing the Chancellor's Club, which requires a donation of \$500.

Last year the President's Club, donation requirement \$100, was very successful. Its members contributed 50 per cent of the total funds collected.

Both club's members will be honoured at special dinners hosted by the university's President and Chancellor.

The Alumni Association's first contribution to the university was a Gold Medal for classics in 1863. Since then, scholarships, loan funds, prizes, laboratory equipment, furnishings and the Memorial Student Centre which perpetually honours UNB war dead, credits the alumni with enriching virtually every discipline on the UNB campus.

Howie wins PC nomination

By GEORGE MCALLISTER

Robert Howie, a Fredericton lawyer, received a first ballot victory Saturday to become the Progressive Conservative standard bearer for York-Sunbury in the October 30 general election.

Howie, one of seven candidates seeking the PC nod polled 386 votes out of a possible 731. The other candidates were Robert Kerr, assistant professor of law at UNB, J.A. Rioux, Fredericton businessman, Gerald A. Goodine, a Naekawic farmer, James D. Harper, a Fredericton lawyer, Gordon Hum, a student at Saint Thomas and Merville Cratte, also a student at STU.

Ballots, bands and girls were everywhere. Howie and Kerr each succeeded in mounting impressive campaigns. All candidates, however, succeeded in

drawing some attention, particularly Harper.

One of the most noticeable features of the convention, which has been described as one of the largest in a long time, was the large number of young people in attendance.

According to the rules of the convention one out of every four delegates from a polling district was to be between the ages of 18 and 25. Some poll captains reported difficulty in finding a youth delegate, but those young people that did attend the convention were described by many as very enthusiastic. Three candidates - Howie, Kerr and Hum - each said that they could best attract the youth vote during the upcoming election campaign. In his acceptance speech Howie paid a special tribute to the young people that had supported him.

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